

# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Under the Pastoral Care of the Friars Minor Conventual

Parish Priest: Fr. Alejandro López, OFM Conv.

**BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL** begins this weekend with a special third collection taken up after communion. "Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare to connect people with support and services to build a strong foundation for self-sufficiency, fulfilling family relationships and brighter futures."—Bishop Vincent Long, OFM Conv.

**NOVENA TO HONOUR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** continues until the last day of the Novena on **Sunday 8 December**, as the special day is shifted from the Sunday (which takes precedence) to the following **Monday, 9 December**. The Novena is recited at the conclusion of Mass each day in the Shrine and in the parish church. The Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is on **Monday, 9 December** at 7pm at OLOR Parish Church. Please join us in honouring Mary!

**THE BLESSING OF THE NEW OLOR CLASSROOMS** took place on Friday as the children from Kindy to Year 6 moved into their learning spaces. Part two of the building project begins immediately as they hope to complete it mid-2020. (At right, Fr. Alejandro blesses the classrooms as the students move in. Please see others on the bulletin board.)



**PARKING SPACES WILL BE CLOSED** near the school offices as the next phase of construction begins (see above). Please be patient and come to Mass early!

**THANK YOU** from David's Place for your generosity last week. The wrapping of Christmas gifts will take place after morning Mass this Friday, **13 December**, 10am in the parish office. Come and help!

**A SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR** is needed for Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville to facilitate with the preparation of children and their families for each of three Sacraments/year. The position is paid and offers 15 hours per week. Hours are flexible except when sacraments happen. The parish needs someone who can present to large groups (both children and parents), exudes confidence and knowledge of the Faith, can work with computers, is organized and a self starter, and has a positive attitude and flexibility to support our families. The Sacramental Program commences April 2020. Please submit an expression of interest to our office administrator at [admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au](mailto:admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au)

## FRANCISCAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Fr. David Blowey, OFM Conv., Rector  
6.45am Weekday Mass followed by Confession.  
Open daily 6am to 6pm.  
Come visit and pray in quiet beauty.

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Office**  
Open 9am-4pm Monday - Friday  
8 Diana Ave  
(PO Box 21) Kellyville, NSW 2155  
Tel: 9629-2595

**CONDOLENCES** to the family of Allan Drew, whose funeral will be at 11.30am on Monday **9 December** at All Saints Anglican Cathedral, Parramatta. Allan and his family have been very generous to us and to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. May he and all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**A NEW CHOIR/MUSICIAN FOR 7AM MASS ON SUNDAYS** Are you available to play music on a regular basis at 7am Sunday Masses?

**No 6pm Mass at OLOR on Christmas Day, no 9.15am Mass on Boxing Day and no 9.15am Mass on Saturday 28th December 2019. See the schedule on the right.**

**VISIT OUR PIETY STORE** for religious Christmas gifts, Baby Jesus statues, Christmas cards, medals, Bibles, Missals, Rosaries etc. Check out the wonderful new porcelain Holy Family light that makes a great gift at only \$30!

**PLEASE NOTE THE OLOR END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS** will be on Wednesday **18 December** at 9.15am. Parishioners who usually attend the morning Mass may want to be aware that this one will be crowded. Please give yourself extra time for parking and finding a seat.

**FATHER ALEJANDRO'S FATHER UPDATE:** Please continue to keep my father in your prayers. Currently, the 81 year-old is still in a rehab-facility in Miami for a broken leg. He thanks you for all your prayers as he and my mum have Christmas plans to visit my older brother in Iowa for Christmas!

**CHURCH RENOVATIONS** If you missed the presentation this past Sunday, our latest plans are on our website at: [olorparishkellyville.org.au](http://olorparishkellyville.org.au)

**COUNTRY CARE LINK VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED** For information or to receive a volunteer pack phone 02 8382 6437 or visit [volunteer@opensupport.org.au](mailto:volunteer@opensupport.org.au)

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**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** Giuseppina Rossi, Tracy Capdor, Stephanie, Christopher Anthony, Niko Juanengo, Peter Prizas, Diosdado Deang, Leo Keutman, Helen Lewis, Moira Maroney, Winnie Smith, Robin Banks, Amanda Webb, Annalise Sherlock, Ricardo Patane, Michelle Nickols, Michael Dimech, Fallon Weinman, Chris Ransom, Avelina Ibera, Saja Derbas, Nigel Napoli, Denise, Antoinetta Cigolini, Amelia Williams, Kim Kenna, Leonie Hite, Arnel Galeng, David McHenry, Andrea Bioco, Lily Eyles, Dodo Calisura, Guida Lambropoulos, Vitaliana Terrado, Antonino Pull, Winston Nickols, Betty Muldoon, Bev Swann, Carmelo M Ortea, Liam Newland, Elvie Anderson, Josephine Murphy, Fran Clarke, Barbara Higgins, David Got, Floralba Gonzalez, Caleb Peter Newland, Maria Glinka, Doreen and Dudley Fernando, Rita Terese Keogh, Wieslawa Kielich, Cosimo, Mary Arrowsmith, Sarah-Jane Baillon, Jo Fuller, Peter Crocker, Concordia Llave, Angelique Vanjour, Michelle Climpson, Therese Sergi, Matthew Francis Crowley, Miguel Cayari, Julie Windle, Marie Milligan, Scarlett Lizano, Daniela Gularte, Monty Roughe, Gary Robinson, Felicia, Ona Hobs, Monica Zachulski, Margaret Loscialpo, Christopher Dean, Mark de Vries, Susan, Walianna Naidu, Bev Schnellen, Charlene Lucre, Marshall Charles, Janae Winpe, Joelle Fameli, Nancy Margaret Courtney, Janis Murphy, Eunice Ally, Andrew John Foley, Paul Karam, Charlene Charlston, Marie Adolphe, Felix Weinman, Iolanda Giannetta, Brian, Lucy Farrugia, Marie Rajanayagam, Christopher Youl, Clement, Joseph Vella, Tony Weinman, Phil Nickols, Kath Harding, Angela Vasta

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHRISTMAS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

(All dates are for the month of December)

**7.30PM, 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**  
THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER  
Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville

**7.30PM, 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION**  
MONDAY 23 DECEMBER  
St. Michael's Parish, Baulkham Hills

**CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER**  
6pm Vigil Mass  
(Children are invited to dress up as Nativity figures and process in with Fr. Alejandro.)  
8pm Mass  
(11pm Christmas Carols sung by Choir)  
11.30pm "Midnight" Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 25 DECEMBER**  
7am, 9am and 11am Masses  
(THERE IS NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY)

**BOXING DAY, THURSDAY, 26 DECEMBER**  
11 am Mass at the Shrine  
(THERE IS NO MASS AT OLOR TODAY)

**MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**  
SATURDAY, 28 DECEMBER 2018  
11am in the Parish church  
Bring a plate to share afterwards.  
(THERE IS NO 9.15AM MASS AT OLOR TODAY)

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD**  
TUESDAY, 31 DECEMBER  
7pm Vigil Mass in the Parish Church

**WEDNESDAY, 1 JANUARY**  
8am Shrine Mass and 9.15am Parish Mass

**ON CHRISTMAS MORNING**, if you are a single person, a couple, or a family, you are warmly invited to share a Christmas Brunch. People from everywhere are welcome. Equally, if you know anyone who even *might* be spending Christmas by themselves, bring them along, and we'll celebrate together. A delicious brunch will be served at 11am on Christmas Day, Wednesday, 25 December, in the St. Michael's Old Church at Chapel Lane Baulkham Hills. (And even better: at no cost!). Transport can be arranged, just let us know when you RSVP to David Dowling 0421 051 029 or via email at [david.dowling@raywhite.com](mailto:david.dowling@raywhite.com)

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS 2019 APPEAL** will take place next weekend, **14/15 December**. Christmas is a time when we look forward to spending time with loved ones, special food and presents. Please help the most vulnerable in our community by giving generously to this appeal.

**EVANGELISATION SUMMER SCHOOL 13-19 JANUARY** The Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community is running a week-long summer camp retreat for Catholics (16 to 35) at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. The retreat includes presentations and lectures, seminars, opportunity for communal and personal prayer and Mass. To register or enquire visit <http://summerschool.org.au/>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH**, around 15 from our parish, including Fr. Alejandro and Br. Bernard, who are heading to Perth for the Australian Catholic Youth Conference. May the Holy Spirit fill them and bring them back ready to light the world on fire with God's Love!

**THANK YOU REDFIELD COLLEGE** for helping us spruce up our church and grounds, including the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. Around 40 students and their teachers worked for about 4 hours last Friday and have left us in great shape. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

**Thank you for last week's collection of \$2,983.50**

## MASS & MINISTRIES - 7/8 Dec.

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ramon Rendon Leona Alphonso and Josephine Calangi Paul Lam and Sonny Huang
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Greg Boland Tom Crowley and Walter Bradstock Tracy Hoey
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Allen Fernandez Penelope Sladen and Michael Finucane Kate Warburton and Ponciana Pastoride
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Alex Cecilia Maryse Emmanuel and Jane Lapidario Volunteer and Dolores Estabaya
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Lorence Tan Rowena Villanueva and Stefan Arulthasan Danielle Smith and Prasanna Gunawardena
Counters:		Eddy Purnomo and Cecilia Wijanto
Church Vacuum:		Community of the Risen Lord

## MASS & MINISTRIES - 14/15 Dec.

Sat. 6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Allen Fernandez Glenice Lui & Leonard Pinto Jerry Lui and Rebecca Neylan
Sun. 7am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	John Sorbello Walter Bradstock & Nancy Comito Christine Figuero
9am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ramon Rendon Vincent Knight & Minal Menezes Josephine Apap & Grace Trzcinski
11am	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Rodolfo Susi Jane Lapidario & Evelyn Zaballero Tracy Capdor & Majella Cendana
6pm	Acolyte Lectors: EM:	Ferdinand Villanueva Margaret Rodrigues & Susan Debrincat David Warren & Annette Tan
Counters:		Judie and Bob Gardiner
Church Vacuum:		Sid Karam

## MASS INTENTIONS 7 - 14 Dec 2019

Sat. 7	9.15am 6pm	Joseph Mizzi Vincenzina Papandrea
Sun. 8	7am 9am 11am 6pm	Joseph, Martha and Joe Mizzi Giovanni La Rosa Andy Zahra <b>PRO POPULO</b>
Mon. 9	7pm	Andy Zara and Wayne Holland
Tues. 10	7pm	Luigi and Catarina Sellaro
Wed. 11	9.15am	Intention of Donor
Thur. 12	9.15am	Krivacic family
Fri. 13	9.15am	Bob Tracy
Sat. 14	9.15am 6pm	Intention of Donor <b>PRO POPULO</b>

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A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**  
**HOMILY**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**  
P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.  
**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

P. Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no

merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. Lift up your hearts.  
**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**  
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**R. It is right and just.**

**PREFACE I OF ADVENT**

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

P. The mystery of faith.  
**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  
**All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...**  
P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...  
**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**  
P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...  
**R. Amen.**  
P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  
*All exchange a sign of peace*

**LAMB OF GOD**

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  
**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Bar 5: 5; 4: 36  
**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**  
P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

### REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

#### CONVERSION OF HEART

Today's Gospel presents us with the appearance and preaching of John the Baptist. John's message, 'Prepare a way for the Lord', virtually sums up the theme of the Advent season. Nonetheless, it is not all that easy simply to take his words and proclaim them as 'Good News'. Jesus hardly filled the role of preacher of end-time doom that John sketches out for him here.

What is essential and something that truly paves the way for the Good News that Jesus will bring is John's summons to conversion of heart. The physical 'way' (road) that Isaiah wanted prepared for Israel in the wilderness is now one that must be prepared in the wilderness of the human heart. Then the Good News will truly be able to enter in when finally it is proclaimed.

The greatest obstacle to that entrance is complacency, a complacency resting upon privileged status (as in the claim, 'We have Abraham for our father') and a sense that one is morally superior to everyone else and so can rest secure.

Unlike John, Jesus will 'baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire'. That is, he will seek to catch up human lives into the fire that is God's love, a sense of which it is the task of the Spirit to communicate. But a 'baptism' of this kind will only take effect in truly repentant and converted hearts. John's challenging message prepares human hearts for the entrance of this good news about God's love. This is the true 'knowledge of the Lord' that Jesus will fully impart.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

08 DECEMBER 2019

GOD'S KINGDOM IS NEAR. John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their baptism by John in the Jordan River was an important ritual act of sorrow. But they also had to express their sorrow by reforming their lives. The sacrament of reconciliation, and right living, are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Is 30: 19, 30  
**O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.**

**GREETING**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**  
P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**R. And with your spirit.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.  
P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.  
**R. Lord, have mercy.**  
P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.  
**R. Christ, have mercy.**  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.  
**R. Lord, have mercy.**  
P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

*The Gloria is not said during Advent*

**COLLECT**

P. Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**R. Amen.**

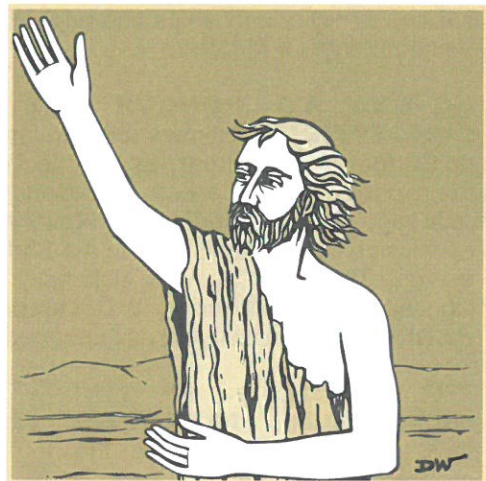
### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING**

Isa 11:1-10

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
*He judges the poor with justice.*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances,



**SECOND READING**

Rom 15:4-9

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**  
*Christ, the hope of all people.*

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Lk 3:4, 6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Mt 3:1-12

P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit**  
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**  
*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*  
In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.  
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked.  
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.  
That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PS** Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R. cf. v. 7  
**R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, / to a king's son your justice, / that he may judge your people in justice / and your poor in right judgement. **R.**  
2. In his days justice shall flourish / and peace till the moon fails. / He shall rule from sea to sea, / from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**  
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry / and the needy who are helpless. / He will have pity on the weak / and save the lives of the poor. **R.**  
4. May his name be blessed for ever / and endure like the sun. / Every tribe shall be blessed in him, / all nations bless his name. **R.**